

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Richard H. Harvey  
Serial No.: 09/721,806  
Filing Date: November 24, 2000  
Art Unit: 2164  
Confirmation No.: 3613  
Examiner: Sathyanaraya R. Pannala  
Title: *A METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR OPERATING A DATABASE*

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.